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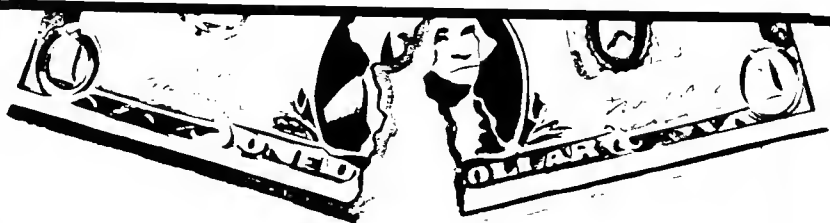
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## *From the Desk of the President*



### PROFESSIONAL AUTONOMY

The number of qualified applicants to medical schools has dropped from a former high of 3 applicants for each position to a level of only 1.3 applicants per opening today. Many of us are discouraging our own children from entering the profession that we entered with idealism and hope.

The unthinkable has come to pass in what has been a most respected and gifted profession. Our daily practice is one of frustration previously inconceivable, and pessimism clouds the future. We are angry with the increasing erosion and fragmentation of our professional autonomy. In many instances, the key decision regarding the patient's care is made by some faceless bureaucrat, while we are left to bear the responsibility of the outcome.

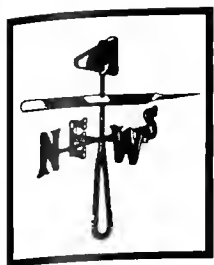
Abraham Flexner defined professionalism as; the work of a professional is personal, complicated, and applied to defined tasks. Professionals exercise discretion in the conduct of their work and assume personal risk for its outcome. The profession, as a group, must agree about its objective and the skill that its members should have and there should be schools for training with defined curricula. A profession should exist to achieve societal defined goals rather than to serve the self-interest of its members.

What is our professional environment today? There are more technologies, more patient-initiated demands, more managed care, more business principles in medical care, more cost cutting moves by both government and business and, finally, more non-M.D.s wanting to practice medicine. More regulation and red tape, and more, and more, and more! Each further erodes our professional autonomy.

The tide is against us, but it is not inexorable; it can be changed. As individual physicians, the key word is INVOLVEMENT. Be a part of the decision making process. Start with a hospital committee, your church, your community health organizations and your patients. Make your views known. Participate in the electoral process and support candidates who share your views. Help them to formulate the legislation that will govern your practice of your profession. At the organizational level, organized medicine must change to move from the defensive posture to an aggressive advocate of our patients and their medical care. We must toughen the discipline of our own members, set high our standards of care, accept risk to protect our patients and our profession even to the extreme of courtroom contests.

We have learned in our psychiatric training that there are three courses when one is faced with a stressful circumstance, one: change the environment, as is outlined in

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**Editorial:****MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO**

A sound mind in a sound body. These words represent the ideal state in the practice of medicine. We could never do any better than that condition we know as "wellness". Unfortunately, we receive our training by the study of pathology or "Unwellness", and we become used to dealing with our patients in terms of their illnesses. Most of our efforts in the daily practice of medicine are involved with trying to restore our patient to a healthy state, or trying to make the best of a chronic illness. The US Public Health Service in 1980, realizing that dealing with the end results of acquired poor health would never result in a significant improvement in the general health of the nation, compiled their "1990 objectives for the Nation". With the help of representatives of both public and private sectors, guidelines in 15 broad areas such as exercise, family planning, smoking, and toxic agent control were developed. If these objectives were met, the health status of Americans would be improved.

"Physical Fitness and Exercise" is one of the 15 broad areas designated in the 1990 objectives. One of the goals in this area is that by 1990, 90% of children 10-17 years, 60% of adults 18-65 years, and 50% of adults over 65 years should be participating in regular vigorous physical activity. Appropriate physical activity is that which produces increased levels of cardiorespiratory fitness, and has four characteristics: (1) rhythmic contraction of large muscle groups; (2) intensity that requires 40-60% or more of maximal aerobic capacity; (3) frequency of 3 or more sessions per week; (4) duration of 20 minutes or more per session. When the current status of this objective was evaluated in 1985, the best estimate of such activity in the adult population was 10-20%. The likelihood of achievement of the 1990 objectives is poor. Approximately 36% of children and adolescents participate in daily physical education programs, a percentage that has remained unchanged since 1974—good training for becoming one of the 80% of adults with low levels of activity.

We cannot ignore the accepted benefits of exercise. We know that exercise influences health behavior in terms of weight control. It may be of benefit in smoking cessation. The reduction in risk of coronary heart disease and sudden death with regular exercise is now known to be a factor independent of other factors such as smoking, obesity, family history, and hypertension. Good studies have shown that the risk of sudden death during exercise is outweighed by overall reduced risk from regular activity. Despite such evidence, a survey

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## MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Mar. 8, 1988

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, March 8, 1988 at the Moonraker Restaurant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. during the course of dinner and a motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February meeting inasmuch as all members were mailed a copy of the minutes.

The treasurer's report noted a total of 321 members have paid 1988 dues, which is up from the 316 last year at this date. A financial report was given and a motion was made seconded and passed to pay the bills as listed with the agenda.

The following applications for membership were presented: ASSOCIATE: Carl R. Schaub, M.D. ACTIVE: Richard W. Lobritz, M.D.; Niranjan N. Patel, M.D.; William Stechschulte, D.O.; Vincent W. Vanek, M.D.; Keith W. Wilson, M.D.; Eric W. Svenson, M.D.; Jose Lopez-Gonzalez, M.D. Robert Gillette, M.D.

The applications were approved and the applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society in the voted category 15 days after the names have been printed in the minutes of the March meeting of Council that are mailed to all members, unless an objection is received in writing by the executive director before that effective date.

Communications included: A letter from the Mill Creek Citizens Committee urging that all physicians support the 1.9 mill levy; A letter from the Health Department concerning the Area Task Force on AIDS; A letter from the Cleveland Cavaliers suggesting that a group be formed to attend a CAV'S game; A letter announcing a Magnetic Resonance Imaging center open house; An offer from PICO to present a Loss Awareness Program to the Society; A letter from Right To Life concerning proposed State legislation.

Dr. Wang informed the council members that Dr. Albert B. Cinelli has done the cover photo description for the March 11, 1988 issue of JAMA. The cover is a photo of the Butler Institute of American Art painting "Pennsylvania Coal Town, 1947" by Edward Hopper.

Regarding the Right To Life legislation, a motion was made, seconded and passed to defer to the OSMA legislative committee the determination of what the legislation should contain. It was noted the original legislation has been changed to the extent that OSMA is giving it a critical study to determine the impact it would have on the definition of death.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

The AIDS Awareness Committee had its first meeting Feb. 22 and established a three area action agenda. The committee approved an information center, a speakers bureau and a hot-line. It was reported that four inquiries for speakers have been received by the Society office plus several phone queries. The committee appointed Dr. John Venglarcik to be the Society representative to the Mahoning County TASK FORCE ON AIDS.

Project OPEN was kicked off March 7 as part of the news conference that also announced Doctor's Week in Youngstown. The local Agency on Aging is cooperating in the project.

The Marketing Committee reported the series of advertisements has been started in the Sunday Vindicator and will run for three months after which there will be an evaluation of the program. It was noted there has been good response to the ads that have run.

Sixth District Councilor Dr. Anderson reported that he and Dr. Wang attended the Leadership Conference in Chicago in February and that it was a good meeting with much information on a national level regarding the legislative impact on medical practice. He noted that PICO has extricated itself from the problem that arose with the insurance department and is now in good standing.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to issue a combined Society & Auxiliary directory with addresses and phone numbers.

The following resolution was approved for submission to the House of Delegates in

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT (Cont. from Pg. 98)

the preceding paragraph, two: change oneself, as indeed a new generation of physicians have done in choosing medicine as a career in spite of gloomy predictions, or three: flee the problem, as has tempted so many of our senior members who are retiring earlier than their predecessors. They are fortunate to have this alternative, but it is a deep loss to those patients who had grown to depend and trust "their doctor".

H.S. Wang, M.D.

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## EDITORIAL (Continued from Pg. 99)

of primary-care physicians in Massachusetts showed that only 27% felt that engaging in regular aerobic exercise was very important for health promotion. In fact, only 47% even asked about the exercise or dietary habits of their patients. In a different survey of Massachusetts physicians, only 14% scored favorably themselves on a personal three-item risk appraisal scale Lack of smoking, use of seat belts, and jogging.

Physicians are in a unique position to promote good health behavior. To be effective in promoting the benefits of exercise, we have to first convince ourselves of the benefits, and to be believable in our promotions, we have to practice what we promote. Our medical society and medical staffs should be more visible in fitness-promoting activities. The many walkathons, bikathons, and fun-runs held in the community for worthy causes should have a full representation from the medical community. As a society, we should use our influence to promote school physical fitness programs, and the establishment of community activity centers that would emphasize sports-for-life activities such as cycling, jogging, swimming, and tennis. In the 1980's 80% of us do not smoke, and with a clear conscience, we can counsel our patients on the hazards of smoking. In the 1990's most of us should be exercising regularly, and with "A sound mind in a sound body" be able to counsel our patients on the benefits of regular exercise. As Samuel Johnson said: "example is more efficacious than precept."

John R. LaManna Jr., M.D.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL (Continued from Pg. 100)

May: "Whereas Ohio House Bill 150 would require that all physicians in the State of Ohio accept mandatory Medicare assignment as a condition of licensure and must take Medicare-approved amounts as payment in full for medical services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries and Whereas Ohio House Bill not only infringes upon the constitutional rights of individual physicians in a free society but also could have an adverse effect on the availability of medical care for the elderly, Therefore be it Resolved that the Ohio State Medical Association support and designate prominent State economic experts to conduct an independent study to determine the need in the State of Ohio for legislation such as Ohio House Bill 150 and to determine, if possible, the long term effect of such legislation on both the elderly and the physician."

The concern of two local physicians concerning a proposed Hepatitis screening program resulted in a motion being made, seconded and passed to form an Ad Hoc committee to determine what the Society's position should be and report at the next Council meeting.

A discussion was held about having a combined citizen/physician committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to set up a committee to investigate the possibility of forming a patient advocacy committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Robert B. Blake, Executive Director

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## YOUNGSTOWN'S MAYOR UNGARO LAUDS PHYSICIANS

On March 7, a news conference was held in City Council Chambers and the following proclamation was presented by Mayor Patrick J. Ungaro.

Whereas, for the past fifteen years, the Auxiliary of the Mahoning County Medical Society has recognized the efforts of the physicians of the area by observing Doctor's Week; and

Whereas, this year, to honor the doctors who give so freely of their time and energy in order to keep all of us in the Mahoning Valley healthy, the members of the Auxiliary have arranged to have every hospital patient in the local hospitals made aware of Doctor's Day by means of notes distributed with their meals.

Whereas, the physicians of Mahoning County have a long and abiding concern for the medical needs of all citizens of the county; this year Doctor's Week is being marked by the announcement and the beginning of Ohio Project Elderly Needy (OPEN) which will focus on the concern for the county's elderly, and

Whereas, the Auxiliary of the Mahoning County Medical Society each year contributes approximately \$20,000 to various medical-related organizations in this community, including Hospice, The Cancer Society, the Kidney Foundation, various drug rehabilitation projects, and each of the local hospitals, Now Therefore, I, Patrick J. Ungaro, as Mayor of the City of Youngstown, do hereby join in honoring the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society by proclaiming the week of March 7, 1988, as

### DOCTOR'S WEEK

in Youngstown, and do further commend the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society Auxiliary for their dedication to the health of the community and the support of the doctors.

Signed: Patrick J. Ungaro, Mayor

## TOO MANY HANDS IN THE MEDICAL PIE

"The following is a reprint of a letter to the Editor that was published in the Youngstown Vindicator"

Sir:

Once upon a time, the people had no insurance to pay either a hospital bill or a physician's bill. The physicians formed a mutual insurance company to assist in getting their bills paid, and the many hospitals combined to form a similar organization to assist in getting hospital bills paid.


Along came the government and stated that there were no consumers on the boards of the two organizations. Some were added, then more were added and now the situation is reversed. Physicians and hospitals are no longer in control but are now told what to do. Physicians must get permission to admit patients to a hospital except in emergency situations. Even then payment may be refused if they deem it was not an emergency.

Later, the two insurance companies combined to form a single company so now they have more power, and they also founded an HMO to compete with physicians and hospitals. They even want hospitals and physicians to bid against each other.

Hospitals and physicians are now advertising. Many organizations are being formed to contract services and further dilute the medical dollars.

Now there are also many new expensive modalities as MRI, CT, etc., plus excessive malpractice premiums that must be paid by not the physician but the PATIENT. Whatever happened to freedom of choice? It is time to stop blaming hospitals and physicians for the high cost of medicine. At present, there are too many hands dividing the pie.

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- April 22, CARDIOLOGY "Cardiac Rehabilitation" Nicola Nicoloff, M.D., Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation, St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center.
- April 29, MEDICAL ETHICS "In-vitro Fertilization Embryo Trnsfer and Surrogate Motherhood", H. Tristram Engelhardt, M.D., Ph.D., Member of the Center for Ethics, Medicine and Public Issues, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas.
- May 6, CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY, "Cominted Use of Beta Blocker IV and TPA in the Management of Acute Mycardial Infarction." Speaker to be announced.
- May 13, MEDICAL ETHICS, Topic to be announced. James Reagan, Ph.D., Medical Ethicist, St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center.
- May 20, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, "Cocaine", Speaker to be announced.
- May 27, GYNECOLOGY, "Chlamydia and Gunecologic Infections", Hunter Hammill, M.D. Assistant professor and Chief Reproductive Infectious Disease Department of Case Western Reserve University.
- June 3, CARDIOLOGY, "Diagnosis and Treatment of Supraventricular Arrhythmias", Richard W. Henthorn, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Cardiac Eltrophysiologist, Case Western Reserve University.
- June 10, HYPNOSIS, "Hypnosis: Indications for Management of Health Risk Factors", Harold Wain, Ph.D., Head of Pain Clinic, Walter Reed Army Hospital, Potomack, Maryland.

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Many women do not do breast self examination or see their primary physicians because they are afraid of finding a lump, then the fear of surgery or possible disfigurement.

It is a fact that one out of every ten women now can get brcast cancer during her lifetime. According to American Cancer society statistics, there are about 130,000 new cases of breast cancer each year, and, about 41,000 of these women will die from the cancer.

Only 15 to 20 percent of women age 50 and over have had a mammogram for the first time, and a smaller proportion are being examined with systematic regularity. There have been recently published articles and detailed information regarding mammography. The American Cancer Society will be happy to supply this information. The American Cancer Society guidelines for breast cancer detection in asymptomatic women are:

\*Breast self examination should be performed monthly, beginning at age 20 years.

\*Physical examination of the breasts every three years on women 20-40 years of age, more often at the physician's discretion and annually on women 40 or over.

\*A baseline mammogram should be done between the ages of 35 and 39, then every 1-2 years for ages 40-49, and annually for women 50 and over.

Physical examination of the breasts and education in techniques of breast self examination, and recommendations for screening mammography are best accomplished by and under the supervision of a woman's primary care physician.

For women who do not have a primary care physician, physician supervised screening clinics (some clinics are supervised by radiologists) are an acceptable alternative.

Women with suspicious lesions should then be referred to the proper disciplines for further treatment as necessary.

So much depends upon the primary physician! The more his endeavor, the greater the reward for the patient.

Efforts are being made to have insurance companies cover the costs of mammograms. Raymond S. Lupse, M.D., F.A.C.O.G. President, American Cancer Society Ohio Division, Inc.

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- April 12, Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "Arteriography and Special Procedures of the Chest and Abdomen in Emergency Patients", Ernesto V. Angtuaco, M.D., Radiologist, WRCS.
- April 13, Pathologist Grand Rounds, "Nephroblastoma (Wilm's Tumor)", Nora S. Natividad, M.D., Pathologist, WRCS.
- April 14, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, "Lyme Disease", Michael J. Luzar, M.D., Director, Rheumatology Service, WRCS.
- April 16, Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "Inhalational Anesthesia versus Narcotic Anesthesia", Madhavarao S. Dasu, M.D., Neurosurgical Anesthesiologist, WRCS.
- April 16, Surgical Visiting Professor, "Acute Pancreatitis", Harry H. Stone, M.D., Chairman, Department of Surgery, Fairview General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.
- April 19, Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "Venereal Warts", Frances G. Couch, M.D., Medical Director, Women's CareCenter, WRCS.
- April 21, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, "Esophageal Disorders - Update 1988", Donald O. Castell, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Chief, Section on Gastroenterology, The Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University.
- April 23, Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "Current Concepts in OB Anesthesia", Sundaram Harikrishnan, M.D., Pediatric Anesthesiologist, WRCS.
- April 23, Tumor Conference, Charles A. Crans, M.D., Moderator, Chairman, Department of Surgery, WRCS.
- April 26, Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "Chemical Receptors of Pain and Pleasure in the Brain: Therapeutic Implications", Robert Taraszewski, M.D., PGY III Internal Medicine Resident, WRCS.
- April 27, ADOLESCENCE - THE FORGOTTEN AGE GROUP, MetroPlex Centre, Girard, Ohio Topics Include: "Special Problems of the Diabetic Adolescent" Allan L. Drash, M.D.; "Disorders of Puberty: Precocious and Delay" Paul A. Boepple, M.D.; "Growth Disorders in Adolescence" Gilbert P. August, M.D.; "Silent Disease of Adolescence - Hypertension" Jennifer Loggie, M.D.; "Hemorrhagic Problems in Adolescence" Diana Schultz Beardsley, M.D.; "Human Immunodeficiency Virus in Adolescence" Kenrad Nelson, M.D.
- April 28, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, "Case Presentation", Lawrence M. Pass, M.D., Chairman, Department of Internal Medicine and Medical Director, Cancer CareCenter, WRCS.
- April 30, Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "Current Concepts in Pediatric Anesthesia", Darlene M. Miller, M.D., Pediatric Anesthesiologist, WRCS.
- April 30, Tumor conference, Jeet R. Mehta, M.D., Moderator, Colorectal Surgeon, WRCS.
- May 3, Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "Vomiting of Recent Onset in Children", Louis P. Brine, M.D., Pediatrician, Tod Children's Hospital.
- May 5, All Divisions - Surgery, "Anaerobic Infections", Edward L. Quinn, M.D., clinical Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan Medical School, Chairman, Division of Infectious Diseases, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.
- May 7, Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "Current Concepts in Cardiac Anesthesia", Lester R. Melnick, D.O., Cardiovascular Anesthesiologist, WRCS.
- May 7, Tumor Conference, Robert C. Udell, D.O., Moderator, Internist, WRCS.
- May 9, Sports Medicine Lecture Series, "Pediatric Problems in Athletes", John R. LaManna, Jr., M.D., Pediatrician, Tod Children's Hospital.
- May 10, Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "Detoxification of Chemically Dependent Patients", Robert Taraszewski, M.D., PGY III Internal Medicine Resident, WRCS.
- May 12, "The Social, Political and Ethical Aspects of AIDS", For further information, contact Joyce Burns, Department of Medical Education (216) 740-4462. (Cont. on Pg. 119)

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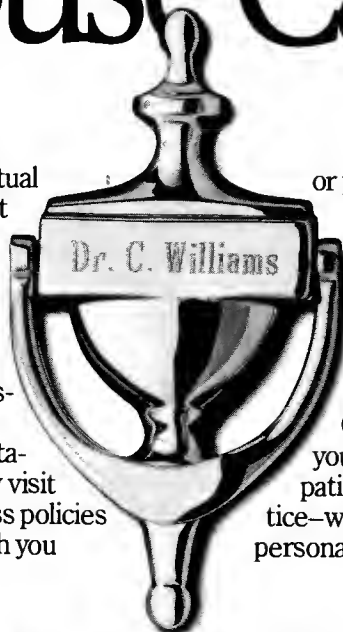


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## W.R.C.S. CME (Continued from Page 117)

- May 14, Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "Current Concepts in Neuroanesthesia", Marc H. Uram, M.D., Neurosurgical Anesthesiologist, WRCS.
- May 14, Tumor Conference, Harold Chevlen, M.D., Moderator, Family Practitioner, WRCS.
- May 17, Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "Pediatric Abdominal Masses", John H. Bleacher, M.D., Director, Pediatric Surgery Service, Tod Children's Hospital.
- May 21, Anesthesiology Lecture Series, "Anesthesia and the Use of the Laser", Donald L. Person, M.D., Anesthesiologist, WRCS.
- May 21, Tumor Conference, Richard A. Memo, M.D., Moderator, Urologist, WRCS.
- May 24, Emergency Medicine Lecture Series, "Squirrels and the Physician: management of the Difficult Patient", W. Clare Reese, M.D., director, Family Practice Center, WRCS.
- May 26, Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, "Common Diagnostic Tests: Use and Interpretation", Kim Goldenberg, M.D., Director, Department of Internal Medicine, Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

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## SOCIETY HEARS TALK ABOUT RETIREMENT AND TAX

A lively question and answer period followed the talk titled "Retirement- After Tax Reform" presented by Susan Downard at the March 15 meeting of the general membership of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Moonraker Restaurant.

Ms Downard is a representative of Qualified Pension Consultants and is located at the Canfield office of the firm. She gave the physicians and their guests a grisly look at what the 1986 Tax Reform Act is doing to pension programs that are self-funded. She closed her succinct remarks by noting that qualified retirement plans are one of the few tax favored investments left.

The social period before dinner was sponsored by Ciba/Geigy Pharmaceutical Company representatives John Daubenspeck and Jack Ditchey.

The meeting opened with the acceptance of four resident member applicants. They are: Clayton T. Abe, M.D.; C. Scott Buntin, M.D.; Samuel Chan, M.D. and John Nemes, M.D.

Dr. H. S. Wang, president, noted that the Society has three new programs underway and active. They are Ohio Project Elderly Needy, AIDS Awareness Committee, and a Marketing Committee.

Dr. Watanakunakorn, AIDS Awareness Committee chairman, reported the committee is full functional and is offering the services of a speakers bureau, a information hot-line, and an AIDS information material bureau.

Dr. Wang reported the Ohio Project Elderly Needy program was kicked off March 7 in conjunction with the observance of Doctor's Week that was sponsored by the Auxiliary. The announcement of the two programs took place at a news conference in City Council Chambers where Youngstown Mayor Patrick Ungaro presented a proclamation about the two programs.

A report from the Marketing Committee noted that a program of advertising is in force and will run for 14 weeks in the Sunday edition of the Vindicator. It was noted that advertising that has run to date has generated a considerable response. The campaign is a form of paid for public relations for the Society.

It was announced that the May 17 meeting of the general membership will be at Antone's & will feature a panel discussion "Avoiding Malpractice Litigation." Panelists will be a defense attorney, a hospital risk management director, & an insurance representative from PICO.

Planned for a cooperative effort between the Society and the Auxiliary is a Family Picnic to be held July 31 in the Pioneer Pavilion at Mill Creek Park.

Ms. Downard, the speaker, was introduced by Dr. Daniel Handel, program chairman for the Society.



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# From the Bulletin

## FIFTY YEARS AGO APRIL 1938

For Post-Graduate Day that year there was a group from the Lahey Clinic headed by Dr. Frank Lahey who brought with him neurosurgeon Gilbert Horax, gastro-enterologist Everett D. Kiefer and internist Elmer C. Bartels.

It was our eleventh annual meeting and exceeded all others in attendance, perfection of arrangements and excellence of program. Hundreds of physicians came from Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Cleveland to fill the Ohio Hotel ballroom. Our members were very proud and were bragging that we rivaled the convention of the Ohio State Medical Association. Credit was given to James Birch, John Noll and Lou Deitchman who headed the committees.

New members that month were: S.D. Goldberg and Harlan McGregor. R.B. Poling and C.L. Lowendorf were in St. Elizabeth's hospital for appendectomies. Allan Altdoeffer and John Noll were on the sick list.

## FORTY YEARS AGO APRIL 1948

Dr. W.W. Ryall wrote about his early years in Medical practice. He started in country practice in 1898 when there were no improved roads, no automobiles, nothing but horses and good legs to carry him around. Many days he walked 25 miles cutting across fields and climbing fences, always trying to hit certain houses at mealtime where he knew the food was the best. There was only one phone in the town in the hardware store. He usually started the day at 6:00 a.m. but many calls were made at night because the farmers were too busy in the daytime to drive to town and tell him to come. He said it had been a grand life.

The Mahoning Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice was formed in Youngstown. J.C. Vance was the first President, G.E. DeCicco was Vice-President and David Levy was Secretary. Paul Davis of Akron was the first National President. Today there are chapters in every state and a \$300,000 headquarters building in Kansas City. Members are required to belong to their component County Medical Society and take a prescribed amount of post-graduate study every year.

New members that month were: Arnoldus Goudsmit, Wm. Newcomer & James Patrick.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO APRIL 1958

President Detesco said that fatigue causes impairment of judgement and clear thinking. Doctors should not be pushed beyond their endurance where they will not be efficient in making decisions affecting health on life of their patients.

Editor Morris Rosenblum wrote: "This is Cancer Week...and how helpless we feel in the treatment of this appalling malady".

Membership passed 300 mark and entitled us to another delegate to the OSMA. Charles Stertzbaugh was made the new delegate.

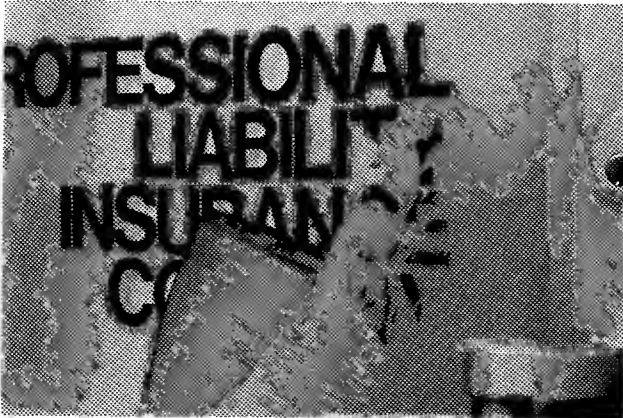
New members were: D.D. Krongold, J. Werbner, R.L. Thomas, B. Taylor, J.P. Kalfas and E.J. Gluck, Junior Active: A. Lutz, Intern: Elias Saadi, J.H. Fulks, W.T. Martin.

An important article by James Smeltzer hailed the work being done here on Cancer Control. He described both treatment and early detection. He urged physician participation in the use of the Papanicolou method of early detection of uterine cancer being done by Dr. Winifred Liu Mutschman who pioneered the method here.

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Dr. John E.L. Keyes passed away at the age of 81, after only one year of retirement. He was a friendly and kindly Ophthalmologist, a consultant of Youngstown Hospital Association, Crile V.A. Hospital and the University.

New members that month were: Dr. John R. Madison and Dr. Anthony Pannozzo.

**TEN YEARS AGO APRIL 1978**

President George Dietz defended the deteriorating image of the physician and urged all members to support the AMA "I am convinced that if there were no AMA, some sort of total-care government (Federal) program would now long since have been a reality. Without total physician support, however, I think we are only delaying the inevitable".

Along the same lines, Editor Dean Limbert addressed the problem of the increasing cost of medical care. He predicted, "Careful studies have shown that an increase in the number of doctors would increase the number of services, therefore it would actually add to the cost."

No new members were reported that month.

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